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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Acknowledgements of Confidentiality; *Petition by Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Pursuant to 47 C.F.R Sections 36.3, 36.123-126, 36.141, 36.152-157, 36.191, and 36.372 -382 for Commission Approval to Unfreeze Part 36 Category Relationships*, CC Docket No. 80-286

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the *Protective Order* adopted in the above-referenced proceeding,¹ attached are Acknowledgments of Confidentiality signed by Carol Brennan, Elmer Weis, and Ronny Puckett of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.

A copy of this letter and the signed Acknowledgements of Confidentiality are being delivered electronically to David Cosson, Counsel for Pioneer Telephone Cooperative.

Please contact me if you have any questions concerning these Acknowledgements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Cosson", is written over a horizontal line.

Attachments: Acknowledgements of Confidentiality
Cc: David Cosson, Counsel for Pioneer Telephone Cooperative

¹ *Petition by Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Pursuant to 47 C.F.R Sections 36.3, 36.123-126, 36.141, 36.152-157, 36.191, and 36.372 -382 for Commission Approval to Unfreeze Part 36 Category Relationships*, CC Docket No. 80-286, Protective Order, DA 13-1009 (rel. May 7, 2013) (*Protective Order*).

APPENDIX A

Acknowledgment of Confidentiality

CC Docket No. 80-286

I hereby acknowledge that I have received and read a copy of the foregoing Protective Order in the above-captioned proceeding, and I understand it.

I agree that I am bound by the Protective Order and that I shall not disclose or use Stamped Confidential Documents or Confidential Information except as allowed by the Protective Order.

I acknowledge that a violation of the Protective Order is a violation of an order of the Federal Communications Commission.

I certify that I am not involved in Competitive Decision-Making.

Without limiting the foregoing, to the extent that I have any employment, affiliation, or role with any person or entity other than a conventional private law firm (such as, but not limited to, a lobbying or advocacy organization), I acknowledge specifically that my access to any information obtained as a result of the Protective Order is due solely to my capacity as Counsel or Outside Consultant to a party or as a person described in paragraph 9 of the foregoing Protective Order and agree that I will not use such information in any other capacity.

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I certify that I have verified that there are in place procedures at my firm or office to prevent unauthorized disclosure of Stamped Confidential Documents and Confidential Information.

Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Protective Order.

Executed this 30 day of May, 2013.

Caral A. Brennan

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Elmer Weis

Manager - Southwestern Region

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Ronny Puckett

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